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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE-PAIGC TALKS SUSPENDED

1. AFTER SOME EIGHT HOURS OF NEGOTIATION IN SESSIONS JUNE 13-14, PORTUGUESE-PAIGC TALKS WERE SUSPENDED EVENING JUNE 14. DELEGATION HEADS TOLD PRESS THAT THEY WOULD BE RESUMED FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH RESPECTIVE LEADERS BUT NO DATE WAS MENTIONED. FONMIN SOARES DESCRIBED SUSPENSION AS "A MINOR DIFFICULTY." HE SAID HE WOULD LEAVE ALGIERS JUNE 15 FOR LISBON THEN OTTAWA TO ATTEND NATO CONFERENCE.

2. PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY BOTH SIDES BEFORE AND DURING TALKS, WHICH WERE HELD IN AN ALGERIAN GOVT GUEST HOUSE IN ALGIERS, HAD BEEN MILDLY OPTIMISTIC AND WE DO NOT YET KNOW REASON FOR SUSPENSION. JOURNALIST COVERING TALKS BELIEVES PAIGC MAY HAVE TOUGHENED ITS POSITION
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ON CAPE VERDE ISLANDS AND ON QUESTION OF REFERENDUM IN

WAKE OF INCREASED OAU SUPPORT AND DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION
BY EGYPT AND ARGENTINA.

3. DURING MORNING OF JUNE 14, FONMIN SOARES LEFT TALKS
BRIEFLY TO RECEIVE EAST GERMAN AMBASSADOR IN ALGIERS.
ACCORDING TO PRESS, THEY DISCUSSED ESTABLISHMENT OF
EAST GERMAN-PORTUGUESE RELATIONS.
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